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Memorandum of Conversation

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SUBJECT: FCN Treaty.

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Kanematsu - Japanese Foreign Office
Messrs. Setser (part-time) and ~~Walker - CP~~

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Mr. Kanematsu spent part of the first afternoon and most of the second day asking questions about points in the treaty concerning which the Foreign Minister desired further clarification. To some extent the discussion with Mr. Kanematsu perhaps touched on fresh aspects of old questions that have occured to the Japanese since the signing on April 2. In the main, however, it appears doubtful whether the discussion added a great deal to the information already imparted during the course of the treaty negotiations at Tokyo.

The questioning concerned principally Articles I(1) and XXI(3), Protocol (4), and treaties with other countries. As to the first of these Mr. Kanematsu sought delineations of applicable administrative criteria of a precision impossible to furnish. As to the second, he said that although they had laboriously studied the text of the GATT, they had been unable to discover what the word "required" referred to. We explained that it related mainly to a future contingency (i.e., GATT - required 2-column tariff) which at present seems academic; and verified that according to our understanding Article XIV(1) of the treaty would hold good as a treaty obligation in the situation visualized in the second sentence of XXI(3), should that remote contingency materialize. As to Protocol (4), a reference to the colloquy between Mr. Oda and Dr. Waring, as reported on pp. 58-59 of the memorandum covering the final round of treaty discussions at Tokyo, appeared to satisy his major question.

Mr. Kanematsu seemed to have a good grasp of the treaty's provisions and their purport. He conveyed the impression that his assiduous search for further information

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information reflected a desire by the Foreign Minister to perfect preparations for dealing with anticipated interpollations from opposition Diet members when the treaty comes up for debate. He said that the Japanese Embassy might be coming in soon with some more questions.

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